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TOPIC Airfield of GROBENHAIN 25X1A

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1. The construction work on the runway of the GROBENHAIN (N 52/A 01) airfield (location see Annex) made good progress. The old runway, extending approximately E-W, had been expanded by about 2,500 feet as far as a point near the railroad line to COTTBUS (N 52/A 57). The S-NE runway had been expanded by about 2,000 feet to the field border. The construction workers were grading a gravel pit for a further expansion of 1,300 feet.
2. An electric line had been laid from the paper mill to the southeastern corner of the field so that night work could also be done.
3. The gasoline dump near the large Spittel pond was composed of about twenty-five 10x20-foot tanks. Small sections of the tanks were above ground and painted white. A similar fuel dump of fourteen containers was located at the western edge of the airfield.
4. A new ten-foot high board fence was being built along the railroad line to COTTBUS. A new road starting at the hangars and running to the extended section of the E-W runway was being concreted.
5. According to a worker, the runways were to be widened after being extended.

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Comment:

a. This report and the attached sketch give a definite picture of the previously reported construction work at the GROBENHAIN airfield. Two runways existed there at the end of WW II.

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b. The NW-SE runway was formerly about 5,200 feet long. It has apparently been extended by about 2,000 feet. The NE-SW runway, which was not yet completed at the end of WW II, was extended to a total length of about 5,000 feet. According to this report it is going to be extended by another 1,300 feet. The reason for this extension was not learned. The former runways were sufficiently long for the IL-10 ground attack aircraft which have so far been stationed at the airfield. It is assumed that the GROSSEHAIN airfield is to be occupied by other aircraft types.

c. According to another source, the extension work is to be completed by late September 1949. Similar work is to be done at the FINGERWALDE airfield after completion of the GROSSEHAIN project.

1 Annex: Airfield of GROSSEHAIN.

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